

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 6-11 and 14-19 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16, 18 and 19 are amended. In particular, claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 11, 16 and 19 are amended to improve the grammar of these claims. Claims 14 and 18 are amended to correct obvious typographical errors. The first clause of claim 14 also is amended for clarity (adding "of the conductor members" at the end of the claim). The amendments are not intended to change the scope of the claims (for example, with respect to claim 14, the preamble of claim 14 already recites that the "connection ends" are "of the conductor members"). No new matter is added by the above amendments.

Applicants submit that these amendments should be entered after Final Rejection because they improve the clarity of the claims, do not raise any new issues or the issue of new matter, do not add any claims, and place this application in even better condition for allowance or appeal.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1, 3 and 6-11, and the identification of allowable subject matter in dependent claim 18. The amendments to the claims do not affect the allowability of claims 1, 3 and 6-11. Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The Office Action objected to claim 14 because of a typographical error in the preamble of that claim. The Examiner is thanked for identifying the typographical error, which has been corrected. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claims 14-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,266,858 to Ohmi et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that Ohmi et al. does not disclose or suggest the claim 14 "third means for moving said first means in the axial direction of said stator." The Office Action asserts that the claim 14 third means corresponds to "ejection member with

pins 13" of Ohmi et al. and refers to col. 6, lines 33-38 of Ohmi et al. However, the "ejection member with pins 13" of Ohmi et al. does not move the inner jig 5 or the outer jig 4 of Ohmi et al. (which the Office Action correlates to the claim 14 "first means" in the axial direction of the stator). Rather, the "ejection member with pins 13" moves the coil body in the axial direction of the coil body by engaging the straight portions 1a and 1e of the coil body pins so as to eject the coil body from the inner jig 5 and outer jig 4. See Ohmi et al. col. 6, lines 33-37. Thus, the "ejection member with pins 13" of Ohmi et al. moves the coil body, and does not move "the first means in the axial direction of the stator" as recited in independent claim 14. The inner jig 5 and outer jig 4 do not move in the longitudinal direction of the stator. Thus, there is no structure in Ohmi et al. corresponding to the claim 14 "third means."

Accordingly, independent claim 14 and its dependent claims are patentable over Ohmi et al. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ohmi et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,041,294 to Inoyama et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 19 is patentable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to its corresponding independent claim 14. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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